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American House, Boston, Mass., February 21, 1895.

THE Thirteenth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A., was opened in due form at 2.30 o'clock P. M., Division Commander Daniel F. Goulding, presiding.

The roll-call showed all the Division officers in attendance with the exception of Inspector Walter H. Colburn and Judge Advocate Clarence E. Wheeler.

By direction of the Commander, Past Colonel N. C. Upham, served temporarily as Inspector, and Past Capt. C. H. Messenger as Judge Advocate. Mustering Officer H. Frank Williamson was detailed as Officer of the Day, and Past Captain A. M. Huddell, as Officer of the Guard. Brother W. D. Barber, of Camp 106, officiated as Camp Guard.

Examination of Brothers present, by the acting Inspector, showed that all were entitled to remain, those not having the pass-word and countersign, being vouched for by their Captains.

The entrance of Brothers bearing the National Colors of Camp 106, of Charlestown, was the signal for an outburst of applause. The Stars and Stripes were placed into position in front of the Division Commander.

Division Commander Goulding appointed the following Committee on Credentials:—Adj. Fred. E. Bolton; Past Capt. Emery Coulter, Camp 109; Past Capt. J. Frank Crane, Camp 88; Delegate W. M. Marden, Camp 36; Sergt.-Major G. H. Smith.

A recess of ten minutes was declared, to give the Brothers an opportunity to present their credentials to the Committee.

Upon the termination of the recess, the Committee on Credentials reported as follows: Division Officers present, 11; Camp Commanders present, 55; Past Division and Camp Commanders present, 108; Delegates present, 94; Alternates present, 22. Total, 290 representatives.

The roll of officers and members of the Encampment was read by Adjutant Bolton, and proceeded with until about one third of the Camps had responded. Upon motion by Past Colonel D. B. Purbeck, it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the roll.

THE COMMITTEES.

Commander Goulding then appointed the following Committees:—

Ritual: Past Capt. Edwin Mullen, Camp 106; Past Capt. C. D. Rooney, Camp 54; Past Capt. J. T. Wellington, Camp 47; Past Capt. F. C. Bruce, Camp 77.

Constitution, Rules and Regulations: Past Capt. Wm. R. Davis, Camp 16; Past Capt. E. B. Tyler, Camp 108; Past Capt. Henry Clay, Camp 82; Past Capt. C. E. Perkins, Camp 99; Capt. E. A. Carpenter, Camp 96.

Resolutions: Past Capt. L. C. Couch, Camp 26; Capt. E. H. Lounsbury, Camp 66; Past Capt. G. L. Bray, Camp 1; Past Capt. H. E. Waugh, Camp 11; Delegate H. M. Holbrook, Camp 63.

On Reports of Officers: Past Div. Commander Charles K. Darling; Past Div. Commander John H. Hinkley; Past Div. Commander William A. Stevens; Past Div. Commander Charles F. Sargent; Past Div. Commander Nathan C. Upham.

Distribution of Work: Past Capt. G. A. Pratt, Camp 89; Capt. J. H. Kibbee, Camp 111; Capt. J. Q. Irwin, Camp 9; Capt. G. E. Boynton Camp 52; Past Capt. A. S. Kimball, Camp 100.

The next business in order was the report of officers.

REPORT OF THE DIVISION COMMANDER.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirteenth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

BROTHERS: On the seventeenth day of October, 1894, I was installed as Commander of the Massachusetts Division, having been elected to fill the unexpired term of Commander Albert C. Blaisdell, who resigned to accept the position of Inspector General on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief.

Upon assuming command, Order No. 10 was issued and the staff officers and other appointees of my predecessor were re-appointed, the headquarters retained, and the general routine of work continued.

No changes were made from the fact that the officers in each case were rendering satisfactory service, and my term of office being of short duration, any step in such direction would have been inconsistent to the welfare of the Division.

MEMBERSHIP.

The report for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1894, had been completed before my official duties commenced, therefore the three months comprising the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1894, are the only ones with which I have to deal. The membership in good standing Sept. 30, was 4514, the membership Dec. 31, 4489, which makes a net loss of 25 members during the quarter which is generally considered to be the most defective of the year, due to the fact that the Camp elections occur therein, and the rules of the Order require that only brothers of good standing shall be permitted to cast a vote; hence there are more suspensions as a rule than in any other portion of the term of office. The loss of 25 members is more than offset by the muster of Camp 38, at Georgetown, with 28 members, and Camp 45, at Arlington, with 26 members.

During my term of office five (5) Camps have been mustered, viz: Camp 102, at Plymouth; Camp 110, at Lee; Camp 122, at Newburyport; Camp 38, at Georgetown; and Camp 45, at Arlington.

Three Camps have been disbanded, namely: Camp 45, Arlington; Camp 125, Otis; Camp 126, Whitinsville. The causes attributed were: Camp 45, for the purpose of re-organization; Camp 125, inability to recruit its membership; and Camp 126, the lack of interest and non-payment of dues by its members. The total loss involved was 43 members, of which 23 were granted transfers and have signified their intention to join other Camps.

FINANCES.

I received from my predecessor the sum of $500.51, together with outstanding bills to the total amount (including per capita tax due) of $570.51, which was promptly paid and left me in reality with a deficit of $70.00 to commence my official career with. Fortunately there was received by Nov. 1st, the amount of $122.17, which gave me a balance of $52.26 at that time, and it is from these figures I trace my financial transactions, as the outstanding indebtedness was not incurred during my term of service.

The Quartermaster's report will present the figures of all financial transactions.

VISITATIONS.

The Camps have been particularly active for the past four months, during which time I have had the pleasure of attending some 25 or more social occasions, campfires, etc., and have had the opportunity of coming in close contact with the officers of about sixty (60) of the Camps of this Division.

For the uniform courtesy extended me, and the general manifestation of interest in the Order, I have reason at this time to express appreciation and to commend in the highest terms the officers and brothers of such Camps.

DIVISION ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

My thanks are due and are gratefully extended to Senior Vice Division Commander Charles F. Cook, Junior Vice-Division Commander Henry D. Sisson, and Brothers Purbeck, Delano and Cook of the Division Council. It is a matter of regret that occasion has not made it possible in the line of duty for me to enjoy a closer relationship with the elective officers of this Division; but where I have had the opportunity to call on the above named brothers for the performance of any service, a cheerful response has been made, and the duty performed in an able and satisfactory manner.

DIVISION STAFF OFFICERS.

The duties of the Commander require him to come in constant contact with the officials of his personal staff, especially those of the executive departments.

It is a pleasure to record my appreciation of the true value of Adjutant Fred E. Bolton. His ability is unquestioned. The books, papers and documents pertaining to his department bear the stamp of a thorough and conscientious worker, and have received merited approval from the Asst. Inspector General. His experience for the 18 months was of great value to me in the disposition of routine work.

Quartermaster Samuel A. Pickering has rendered faithful service, and handled the duties of his office in a capable manner. Of unquestionable integrity, and possessed of a deep love for the Order, his work will stand as a testimonial of his services to the Division.

Mustering Officer H. Frank Williamson has conducted his department in the same successful manner that has characterized his work in his Camp and the Division in the past. His thorough knowledge of the ritualistic work, combined with past experience as a Camp and Division officer have been of considerable assistance to the Camps he has mustered.

Inspector Walter H. Colburn has performed the duties of his position, with a display of competence. The recent legislation changing the dates of Camp Inspections, permitted only of inspecting such Camps as were organized after the last regular inspection and those which had not been inspected. He is entitled to praise as an earnest, willing official, ready at all times to perform any required or ordered duty.

The close proximity of the Division Encampment has given no great opportunity for service to Surgeon A. A. Upton, Chaplain E. H. White or Judge Advocate Clarence E. Wheeler. These brothers have the reputation of good workers and were highly competent in their respective positions. It is decidedly a source of encouragement for a Division Commander to realize his staff officers are capable of meeting all the requirements of their positions, and in this respect the above named brothers have indeed been of assistance to me. To each is returned appreciative acknowledgements.

Each of the staff officers will submit their respective reports, and I have refrained from alluding thereto, that each may present his record of work as he has compiled it.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I have the honor to submit the following recommendations for the consideration of the Encampment:

No. 1. That the sum of $100 be appropriated for Clerk hire.

No. 2. That the sum of $100 be divided between the Division Inspector and Mustering Officer for departmental expenses.

No. 3. That a suitable resolution be adopted to express the sentiment of this Encampment in favor of the Commander-in-Chief providing free of cost to the various Divisions either an additional ritual for each Camp therein, or a card containing the work as prescribed for Camp Chaplains; also that the Representatives of this Division to the Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief be instructed to use all honorable means for the adoption of such a resolve.

No. 4. That inasmuch as it was the evident intention of this Division, when it endorsed the petition of Lieut. Col. Charles R. Mudge Camp 1, to give permission to certain brothers who then stood as "dishonorably discharged" members to rejoin the Order, that those who were entitled to past rank should regain the same, I would therefore recommend: "That the resolution to be presented by Lieut. Col. Charles R. Mudge Camp 1, requesting the restoration of the rank of Past Captain to Brothers W. H. Phillips and George C. Atkinson, be concurred in by this Encampment, and the delegates to the Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief instructed to secure its adoption."

No. 5. Attention is called to the Twelfth Annual Encampment of this Division, whereby the sum of $100 was appropriated for the "Andersonville Flag Fund," the same to be paid to the Quartermaster General of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the appropriation of $50 to be paid annually to the Superintendent of the Soldiers Home in Mass. Inasmuch as both matters belong properly to the incoming administration, I would suggest the same be referred to the incoming administration for proper action.

CONCLUSION.

The adoption of a three-degree ritual, now in force in this Division means a change of great magnitude in the work of the Camps. The ritual has not been in use for a sufficient length of time to permit of any comment, either favorable or unfavorable, thereto. It is suggested, however, that the Camps give the new work a fair and impartial trial, and if it has any good points, as many brothers contend, your Commander is egotistical enough to assert that Massachusetts will attain as complete a knowledge and perfection of work, as any of the other Divisions in the Order.

The relations with the Grand Army of the Republic have been extremely agreeable. An official visit was made to the Department headquarters early in December, where we were pleasantly received by Asst. Adjt. Gen. Hubert O. Moore, who informed us that our visit was the first that had been made, and suggested that it would be advisable in the future for the Division officers to form the acquaintance of the Department officers of the G. A. R. by occasionally visiting the headquarters. This suggestion is approved and should be adopted as one intended for the welfare of our Division.

In drawing this report to a close, I am constrained to again express grateful thanks for the assistance given me by the Camps and brothers of the Division.

My every effort has been to do my duty honestly and fearlessly, and the general results attained have been satisfactory. A wider experience in the affairs of the Order has been my lesson and its effect will be to strengthen my belief that the Sons of Veterans is one of the grandest organizations existing, and when the principles and objects are better understood, and when some members learn them properly, there is no reason why we should not, in the good old Commonwealth of Massachusetts continue as a band of brothers, united in every purpose; teach the lessons of patriotism, perform in a practical manner the work for which we are organized, and prove to the satisfaction of the community at large that the sons of the men of 1861 to 1865, love their country and its glorious history, cherish the flag for which their fathers fought and stand ready to defend it.

We should accept no one as our superior as loyal Americans, nor permit any to stand more firm than we for the upholding of the integrity of the American Government.

God bless you, my brothers, and grant you health and prosperity.

DANIEL F. GOULDING,
Division Commander.

BOSTON, FEB. 21, 1895.

Senior Vice Commander CHARLES F. COOK, being called upon by the Division Commander, spoke as follows: "I have had no work of a special nature, consequently have no report to make. I have attended many camp-fires, however, and to the best of my ability have always worked for the best interest of the Order."

Junior Vice Commander, H. D. SISSON: "The duties of my position, as I have learned them, have been principally in the wearing of a long title, but I found it necessary and convenient to attend several camp-fires in the central part of the State, which are not very thick in our territory. The only report that I can make is that of aiding in the establishment of one Camp (Camp 110 of Lee)."

ADJUTANT'S REPORT.

BOSTON, FEB. 21, 1895.

DANIEL F. GOULDING,

Commander Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Sir and Brother: I have the honor to submit herewith according to the requirements of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Order, a report of the transactions of the Adjutant's Department, together with statements of the numerical standing of the Division and other facts of a statistical nature.

The reports of the several Division officers are transmitted herewith. Since the last Encampment three quarterly reports have been rendered by the Camps and consolidated at these headquarters. Two of these were submitted to your predecessor, which leaves the report for the quarter ending December 31, 1894, the one which relates to your official service. It is necessary though to include all reports since March 31, 1894; and to make the distinction, those received during the term of your predecessor will be given separately. The aggregate is of all reports, in order to define the results since the Twelfth Annual Encampment.

On March 31, 1894, the standing of the Division was 138 Camps, 4751 members.

For the quarter ending, June 30, 139 Camps, 4760 members, were reported. A net gain of 1 Camp and 9 members.

For the quarter ending September 30, the reports give 137 Camps, 4514 members. A net loss of 2 Camps and 246 members; or a total net loss of 1 Camp, 237 members, during the term of your predecessor, June 21 to October 17, 1894.

The report for the quarter ending December 31 shows 136 Camps, 4489 members in good standing. A net loss of 1 Camp and 25 members.

Since this report 2 Camps have been instituted with 54 charter members; which in reality is a net gain of 1 Camp and 29 members during your service as Commander.

The consolidated statement of gains and losses from March 31 to December 31, 1894, is as follows:

	Camps		Members	
Number in good standing as shown by the Adjutant's consolidated report March 31, 1894.	138		4751	
GAINS.				
By muster,	6		602	
By transfer,	.		45	
By reinstatement,	.		332	
		144		5730
LOSSES.				
By disbandment,	5		78	
By death,	.		22	
By honorable discharge,	.		104	
By transfer,	.		52	
By suspension,	3		985	
		8		1241
No. in good standing December 31, 1894,		136		4489

It is noticeable that the greatest loss is by "suspension." While it may be impracticable to compare the results of nine months, with those of twelve, it is a fact nevertheless that the loss by suspension was 398 more during that period, which indicates that to a degree such losses are now less than heretofore.

The muster of new members for the nine months is within 29 of the total of the twelve months included in the last report. A decided gain. The death rate is about the same, being a little over one per cent.

DISBANDMENT OF CAMPS—CAUSES.

The following Camps have surrendered their charters since March 31, 1894:—

Camp 122, Newburyport, for the purpose of re-organization.
Camp 38, Attleboro, due to business depression affecting the members thereof.
Camp 45, Arlington, for the purpose of re-organization.
Camp 125, Otis, inability to recruit its ranks.
Camp 126, Whitinsville, lack of interest on the part of its members.
Camp 136, Revere, was suspended and failed to become reinstated, due to lack of interest and a depleted membership.

Re-organization was perfected at Newburyport and Arlington. A new Camp at Lee will cover the field of Otis and the members of Camp 126 will probably affiliate with Camp 18 of Uxbridge.

The number of new Camps organized and facts relative thereto are given in the report to be presented by the Division Mustering Officer.

RECORD BOOKS, ETC.

The several books of records have been properly kept and are as complete as they can possibly be for the time covered in my service as Adjutant. Several records of Camps have been added; but a few days ago 95 names of brothers of one of our oldest Camps were inserted with the proper data—completing a very incomplete record.

The order file, record of officers and dispensation books have received proper attention.

A bound volume of the Adjutant's consolidated reports has been added and the recapitulation of the First Sergeant's reports for the past eighteen months inserted.

This is an improvement that assures the permanency of this record, whereas previously, being bound with light paper covers, the back records are in a dilapidated condition.

A record book for special orders has been also added; no provision for the same existing in the past.

DOCUMENTS ISSUED.

There have been promulgated 7 division orders, 3 general orders, 4 circulars and 12 special orders.

Dispensations were requested and granted to the total number of 67. 28 transfer cards were issued to members of disbanded Camps.

There were engrossed and forwarded to the proper persons 439 commissions; of this number 10 were for Division Staff officers and 429 for the Commissioned officers of Camps.

The total number of documents addressed and forwarded will reach the figures of 10,000; which is but indicative of the constant increase of the work in this department. Five hours each day, as an average, have been given to the work, and oftentimes this has been insufficient to permit of clearing up the work of each day, on that day. As a general rule all communications have been acknowledged promptly; the daily correspondence varying from 12 to 16 letters.

QUARTERLY REPORTS.

The Camp officers are deserving of praise for the general excellence, accuracy and neatness of the quarterly reports, combined with promptness in despatching the same to headquarters. It is now understood that the reports should be forwarded immediately after the close of the last meeting night of the quarters, and if Captains will continue to follow this rule they will materially aid the Quartermaster and Adjutant in their work. To consolidate the reports of 130 and more Camps is at the best no easy task, and the earlier the reports are received the easier it is done.

MEMBERSHIP GAINS.

The following Camps made a net gain of five or more members from December 31, 1893 to December 31, 1894.

Camp.	Members.	Camp.	Members.
78, Lowell,	24	37, Gardner,	8
96, Boston,	15	54, Medford,	8
11, Whitman,	12	108, Pittsfield,	8
36, E. Weymouth,	12	20, Colerain,	7
111, Andover,	12	91, Ware,	6
21, Lawrence,	11	39, Winchendon,	5
41, Waltham,	10	60, Holyoke,	5
1, Lynn,	9	76, Westboro,	5
27, Quincy,	9	99, Shelburne Falls,	5
129, Haverhill,	9		

Camp 25, in nine months reports a gain of 15 members.
" 66, " " " " " " " 15 "
" 29, " " " " " " " 7 "
Camps 25, 29 and 66, for nine months.

NET GAINS AND LOSSES OF EACH CAMP IN GOOD STANDING, FROM DECEMBER 31, 1893, TO DECEMBER 31, 1894.

Camp	Gain	Loss	Camp	Gain	Loss	Camp	Gain	Loss	Camp	Gain	Loss
1	9	..	34	..	9	69	2	..	105	..	1
2	..	20	35	1	..	70	..	..	106	..	5
3	..	9	36	12	..	71	..	3	107	4	..
4	4	..	37	8	..	72	..	..	108	8	..
5	2	..	39	5	..	73	..	1	109	..	..
6	..	7	40	..	2	75	..	1	111	12	..
7	..	4	41	10	..	76	5	..	112	4	..
8	..	8	42	2	..	77	..	1	116	..	4
9	..	..	43	1	..	78	24	..	117	..	1
10	3	..	44	..	14	79	4	..	118	..	2
11	12	..	46	..	3	80	..	3	120	..	3
12	..	2	47	..	5	81	..	17	121	..	11
13	..	..	48	..	8	82	..	6	123	2	..
14	..	3	49	..	7	83	4	..	124	..	13
15	..	17	50	..	3	85	..	4	127	..	3
16	..	10	51	..	6	86	..	..	128	..	..
17	..	4	52	1	..	87	..	3	129	9	..
18	3	..	53	..	3	88	3	..	130	..	7
19	..	8	54	8	..	89	..	..	131	..	4
20	7	..	55	1	..	90	..	30	132	..	5
21	11	..	56	1	..	91	6	..	133	..	2
22	2	..	57	4	..	92	1	..	135	..	..
23	3	..	58	..	2	93	..	4	137	..	1
24	..	3	59	..	3	94	3	..	138	..	..
25	15	..	60	5	..	95	9	..	139	..	4
26	..	10	61	..	7	96	15	..	140	..	6
27	9	..	62	1	..	97	..	..	142	4	..
28	..	9	63	..	2	98	2	..	144	..	2
29	7	..	64	..	5	99	5	..	145	..	5
30	..	6	65	..	7	100	..	2	146	..	4
31	4	..	66	15	..	101	..	5	148	..	6
32	..	7	67	..	..	103	..	1	149	..	3
33	..	3	68	..	4	104	..	2	..	..	..

Note A. Camps 38, 45, 74, 84, 102, 110, 122, do not appear as they have been organized but six months or less.

Note B. Camp 141, suspended.

The time has arrived when I am about to retire from the position it has been my privilege to occupy for a considerable time, and although the duties were often exacting and arduous, still at this moment I feel somewhat regretful.

I have become accustomed to looking forward each day to the duties of the next, and in this respect the change will be most noticeable to me. However, I wish to convey the appreciation and gratitude I feel towards the officers and brothers of the Camps with whom I have had official relations. For eighteen months, each day has brought its communications, and in all that time I recollect no instance wherein the spirit of good fellowship has not prevailed. It is also a pleasure to state that in the same period there has not been the slightest friction or unpleasantness.

Commander, Brothers: For the innumerable courtesies extended, the consideration shown me I am indebted; and at this time I lay my record of service before you with a trust that you will be able to conscientiously endorse the work. My aim has been to do my duty to the best of my ability, ever mindful of the precepts of the Order and in full appreciation of the Sons of Veterans. It is a matter of pride with me to be entitled to membership; and I believe if a person joins an organization he should do what he can to advance its interests. This I have done so far as my capabilities permitted.

Commander, I submit through you to the Delegates of this Encampment, this statement of the transactions of the Adjutant's department, with the sincere hope the same may prove acceptable.

Respectfully in F. C. & L.,

FRED E. BOLTON,
Division Adjutant.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT.

LOWELL, TUESDAY, FEB. 19, 1895.

DANIEL F. GOULDING,

Commander Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Sir and Brother: I have the honor to present the following report of my Department for the term ending February 15, 1895, beginning under the re-election of Commander A. C. Blaisdell, June 23, 1894.

Cash, total received,	$1,555.57
Cash, total paid,	1,055.06
Balance on hand, October 17, 1894	$500.51

Supplies on hand October 17, 1894,	$ 80.00
Cash received June 23,	100.81
" per Capita Tax,	1,310.66
" for Supplies,	129.10
" new Camp Charters,	15.00
	$1,555.57

Paid out per capita tax,	$ 193.40
" " Supplies,	143.33
" " Charter,	6.00
Expenses of Division Commander, National Encampment,	149.15
Printing,	21.25
Traveling expenses, Colonel and Staff,	127.43
Postage, express and telegrams,	40.49
Rent, 4 months,	26.00
Office expenses,	17.88
J. B. Maccabe, Picture, by order of the Twelfth Annual Encampment,	24.25
Clerical services,	100.00
Salary of Quartermaster to date,	56.00
Miscellaneous expenses,	149.88
Total,	$1,055.06

No. of orders for Supplies sent to Quartermaster General,	94
" " Requisitions filled,	80
" " Camp Packets filled,	3

Upon the election of Commander Goulding, I was re-appointed by him, and the following will show the transactions of this department during his term of office:—

Total cash received,	$1,626.13
" " Paid out,	1,479.37
Balance on hand,	$146.76

The receipts have been as follows:—

Cash on hand October 17, 1894,	$ 500.51
" received for per capita tax,	792.87
" " " Supplies,	255.75
" " " Charter fees,	75.00
" " " Transfers,	2.00
	$1,626.13

The expenditures have been as follows:—

Paid for per capita tax,	$ 367.44
" " Supplies,	300.45
" " Charters,	10.00
" expenses of delegates to National Encampment,	150.00
" " " Inspector's Department,	40.70
" " " Mustering Officer's Department,	27.85
" " " Printing the Proceedings of the Twelfth Annual Encampment at Pittsfield,	81.00
Paid expenses of Division Council Meetings,	17.10
" " of Printing,	32.00
" Stationery,	9.98
" Postage, express and telegrams,	53.32
" Traveling expenses of Colonel and Staff,	63.45
" Rent	32.50
" H. Partridge for balance of Flags,	100.00
" Salary of Adjutant,	100.00
" Balance Salary of Quartermaster,	44.00
" Miscellaneous expenses,	39.58
	1479.37

No. orders sent to Quartermaster General,	14
" Requisitions filled,	166
" Camp Packets filled.	5

Owing to the extensive amount of supplies ordered in the last fifteen days, over $65.00 worth, the amount on hand is less than it was at the time of my last report. This is due to the fact that a large number of Camps waited until the last moment before this office closed, making the work much harder at this time, and causing themselves much inconvenience. The work of this department shows a steady increase both in the supplies and in the clerical work. I have received and answered 384 communications, or 150 more than in the previous year. The Camp officers have shown a marked improvement over the preceding term in their business relations with this office. The largely increasing amount of work I think shows plainly that there is one fact an absolute certainty, that is, that this Division has got to have a permanent headquarters. I believe there will be better work done and far better results accomplished by so doing.

I have endeavored to study a little the financial part of this department, and I would offer to my successor and the incoming Commander the suggestion of the importance of ordering a large amount of supplies at a time, and not try to make the department be self-sustaining; for in ordering large amounts, and not more than four or five orders a year, you will save more than $25.00 a year on express and postage, and you will by so doing, have at all times on hand anything the Camps may want.

The relation of this office with the brothers of the order have been very pleasant; while there have been mistakes, I trust we harbor no unkind feelings. I have tried to do my duty by every one that I have come in contact with and I can retire with the consciousness in my own heart that I have tried, even if I have failed.

The Quartermaster Sergeant's quarterly reports are all made out and ready to be addressed, and I trust the property of this department is in such shape that my successor will have no difficulty in becoming familiar with it.

In conclusion, Commander, permit me to congratulate you on the efficient manner you have shown in carrying on the work of this Division. The pleasant hours spent together will ever remain a bright spot in my memory.

Wishing you every success, and the brothers of the Massachusetts Division the same, I have the honor to submit this report for your approval.

Respectfully in F. C. and L.,

S. A. PICKERING, *Quartermaster.*

MUSTERING OFFICER'S REPORT.

HEADQUARTERS MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
M. O. DEPARTMENT, CANTON, FEBRUARY 20, 1895.

FRED E. BOLTON,

Adjutant Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Sir and Brother: I have the honor to submit to you in accordance with the general Rules and Regulations of the Order, a report of my doings as Division Mustering Officer for the term ending February 21, 1895.

The following named Camps have been mustered:

Date of Muster.	Name of Camp.	Number.	Location.	Charter Members	Whom Mustered By
Aug. 7, 1894	Edward S. Hager	84	Enfield	17	H. D. Buzzee
Oct. 15, 1894	Collingwood	102	Plymouth	21	W. R. Waterman
Oct. 11, 1894	A. C. Titcomb	122	Newburyport	17	C. W. Jackman
Dec. 11, 1894	Gen. O. O. Howard	110	Lee	17	H. D. Sisson
Feb. 15, 1895	Charles V. Marsh	45	Arlington	26	H. F. Williamson
Feb. 18, 1895	Gen. Grenville M. Dodge	38	Georgetown	28	C. W. Jackman

Number of Camps mustered, 6; number of Charter members, 126.

Applications for Camp charters are being circulated at South Hyannis and Swampscott, with good chances of success, and one Camp about to be re-organized.

During the term applications have been in circulation at Dana, Cohasset, Wayland, Great Barrington, West Brookfield and Billerica, but owing to the financial stringency which has prevailed very generally, the parties having the work in charge

have been unable to secure the required number of applicants and were obliged to allow matters to rest, reporting that they were not discouraged but would make future efforts when the circumstances would warrant.

ASSISTANT MUSTERING OFFICERS.

During the early part of the term twenty assistant Mustering Officers were appointed, being assigned to as many districts as equally divided as possible, the duty of each being to look after and be responsible for Camps in his district, and to report to the Mustering Officer any lack of interest or enthusiasm on the part of the members. This proves to be of unusual benefit to the Division by relieving the Division Commander of the necessity of caring personally for the welfare of his Camps. During the year many Camps have been reported by the assistants, and in no case where such Camps have been reported have they been allowed to fall from the ranks. This plan is of special value inasmuch as the Division Officers are practically in touch at all times with the makeup of the Division, and together with the Inspectors it makes a double service, which assures each Camp the best possible care and supervision.

In this connection I desire to express my sincere thanks and appreciation of the services rendered by my assistants, and to Brothers James T. Wellington, H. D. Buzzee, W. R. Waterman and C. W. Jackman, my thanks are especially due for repeated acts of courtesy and assistance.

NEW CAMPS.

Too much attention cannot be paid to the matter of forming new Camps, and I am fully convinced that it should be the aim of the Mustering Officer, not to see how many Camps he can muster, but how good. It is gratifying to note the flourishing condition of the Camps which have been mustered during the past two years and the success which has attended their every effort. Personal attention should be given to this work by the Mustering Officers and applications should not be issued unless there is reason to believe that the Camps when formed will live and prosper. Camps have been encouraged only under these considerations and if persisted in by future incumbents it must eventually place the Camps and Division on a firmer basis.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

In this connection I can say but words of love and esteem for the comrades who have so ably assisted me in my work during the past year, and who by their kind words of cheer, their readiness to perform any and all duties which were requested of them, and the general care and watchfulness which they have assumed, have been the means of securing to the Division two of the best Camps which have been added to it the past term. We owe to them our love, our respect, and our protection.

APPROPRIATION.

At the Encampment held June 20 and 21, 1894, $50.00 was appropriated for the use of the Mustering Officer's Department. This has proved to be about what would be required for a full year's work, but as this has been a term of but 8 months the expenses of the department has required the expenditure of a trifle less than three-fifths of the amount. Following is the report of the receipts and expenditures:—

Amount of appropriation	$50.00
DR.	
To amount received from Division Quartermaster,	30.00

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By amt. paid for postage, stationery, &c.	$7.46
" " messages, tel. &c.	1.69
" " expenses attending Camp No. 93 on account of reports, two visits	5.00
" expenses investigating affairs of Camp No. 95, at East Boston, by authority of Division Commander,	3.48
" " representing Division at Foxboro	2.75
" " to Camp No. 33 at Charlestown	1.74
" " to Camp No. 57, No. Attleboro on account Installation of Officers	3.00
" " attending camp fire at Reading	1.50
" " incidentals	1.23
Bal. on hand this date	2.15
	$30.00

This leaves an unexpended balance of the appropriation of $22.15 in the hands of the Division Quartermaster. The expenses of this department, with the work which is being assigned to it must gradually increase, and in order to meet this expense and to allow the Mustering Officer to more fully prosecute the duties of his position I would most respectfully recommend:

Recommendation No. 1.

That the sum of $50.00 be appropriated for the use of the Mustering Officer, the expenditure of such appropriation to be with the approval of the Division Commander.

The estimated number of communications issued from this department is about 350 and nearly that number have been received.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I desire to express my thanks to all outside of my official family, who by their acts of courtesy and assistance have made the duties of my position rest lightly upon me. To the Division Commander, the Adjutant and Quartermaster my thanks are especially due for repeated acts of courtesy and the excellent advice which has been tendered me. In retiring from this position I do so feeling that I have performed my duty faithfully and impartially and that it will stand as a credit to this Administration and the Division.

Wishing for the continued prosperity and success of our Division and Order, I have the honor to remain,

Very truly in F. C. & L.

H. FRANK WILLIAMSON,
Division Mustering Officer.

DIVISION CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

ATHOL FEB. 21, 1895.

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Sir and Brother: I have the honor to submit my report as Chaplain of the Massachusetts Division, for the term ending Feb. 21, 1895.

The duties of the Division Chaplain have been very light during the past term of office, from the fact that the work in this department depends largely on the doings

of Memorial Day, and the past term being a short one, this report comes in previous to Memorial Day of this year.

I observed with pleasure the adoption at the last session of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Memorial Service for the Sons of Veterans as prepared by Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. E. Weldon Young. I would urge upon the Camps the advisability of practicing the ceremony on Memorial day whenever an opportunity presents itself. It certainly is a beautiful and impressive ceremony, and would, I am sure, have an increased tendency to prove that we, as Sons of Veterans, are ever ready to preserve the memories, and to keep green in the minds of all the heroic conduct of the departed comrades.

Brothers, we shall soon be called upon to assist the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic in the duties of another Memorial Day. My report of last year showed an increased attendance on that day, but still there is a chance for a large improvement. The time is soon coming when we shall have this work to perform alone, so let us turn out with our full force while the comrades are with us, and show them that we are ever willing and able to carry out, after they are gone, what they have begun. I would at this time respectfully urge the Chaplains of the several Camps, to be prompt in reporting to the Division Chaplain so as to save a large amount of work.

My official relations with the Officers and Brothers during the past year have been of a most harmonious nature, and I trust that after returning to the ranks, our friendship may remain as firm as in the past.

To my successor in office I wish to extend my best wishes for a happy and successful year.

In closing I wish to express my sincere thanks to Adjutant Bolton for the many courtesies shown me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

E. H. WHITE,
Division Chaplain.

SURGEON'S REPORT.

ORANGE, MASS. FEB. 21, 1895.

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant, Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Brother: I have the honor to submit the following report for the term ending Feb. 21, 1895.

The change in the date of the Division Encampment shortens the term just ending, thereby bringing the larger part of it within the year 1894. As a report containing the vital statistics of the Order for the year 1894 has been submitted it was not deemed advisable to compile that which would practically be a duplicate of the same, therefore I have leave to file herewith the vital statistics contained in the report of my predecessor.

Circular Letter No 1, Series of 1895, issued by the Surgeon General, calling for the report for current year, has just been received at this office, therefore my successor will be called upon to issue orders for the compiling of this report at once, upon assuming this office, and I desire to follow the example of my predecessor in urging the Camp Captains to use extreme care in making out their report in order not to render the work of this department valueless by their errors.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

No. 1. I suggest that severe penalty be imposed upon Camp Captains who fail to forward their reports within the prescribed time, in order to avoid a repetition of the poor work of the previous year in this particular.

No. 2. I respectfully recommend that a question to determine the number of members of the Order insured against accident or death be inserted in the form for reports to this department in order that we may know to what extent the brothers and those dependent upon them are protected in this respect.

No. Members mustered	6656
No. in good standing	4028
No. in State Militia	192
No. in U. S. Army	1
No. in U. S. Navy	1
No. of deaths within one year	25
No. of cases of sickness	329
No. of injuries	47
Total number of weeks of sickness of all members:	
From sickness	896
From injury	346
No. of members able to bear arms	3851
No. of members over 45 years of age	97
Age of oldest member	79
Average age of all members	28
No. of unmarried members	2074
No. of widowers	39
No. of married members	1657
No. of foreign born	29
No. of G. A. R. members	110
No. of Physicians	25
No. of Lawyers	21
No. of Teachers	13
No. of Literary Men	17
No. of Artists	7
No. of Merchants	174
No. of Farmers	323
No. of Clerks and Book-keepers	684
No. of Mechanics	1092
No. of Printers	80
No. of Students	60
No. of Salesmen	156
No. of Telegraph Operators	17
No. of Miners	1
No. of Skilled Laborers	302
No. of Laborers	553
No. of R. R. Conductors	17
No. of Engineers	57
No. of Musicians	26
Miscellaneous	458
No. of Camps in Division	137
No. of Camps reporting	110
No. of Clergymen	10

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

A. A. UPTON,
Division Surgeon.

REPORT OF DIVISION COUNCIL.

RECORD OF MEETINGS.

BOSTON, JULY 11, 1894.

The first meeting of the Division Council was called at the American House, Boston, at 8.00 o'clock, P. M.

Past Colonel W. H. Delano was absent.

The Council organized and elected Past Colonel W. H. Delano chairman, and Past Colonel D. B. Purbeck, clerk.

The matter of procuring a picture of the Commander-in-Chief, Joseph B. Maccabe, to be presented to the Commandery-in-Chief, as per vote of the Twelfth Annual Convention, was left to Division Councillor O. H. Cook, with full power to act.

Meeting adjourned at nine.

D. B. PURBECK,
Clerk.

BOSTON, OCT. 4, 1894.

Special meeting of the Division Council was called to order at the Quincy House at 8.00 o'clock, P. M., as per Special Order No. 24, for the election of Division Commander, vice Commander A. C. Blaisdell, resigned.

All the members were present.

On motion of Division Councillor O. H. Cook, *Voted* that we proceed to an informal ballot.

The first ballot resulted as follows:
A. E. Parks, 1; D. F. Goulding, 1; O. H. Cook, 1. No choice.
Second ballot:
D. F. Goulding, 1; F. E. Bolton, 1; G. S. Wentworth, 1. No choice.
Third ballot:
H. F. Williamson, 1; D. F. Goulding, 1; F. E. Warner, 1. No choice.
Fourth ballot:
D. F. Goulding, 1; D. B. Purbeck, 1; L. C. Couch, 1. No choice.
Fifth ballot:
D. F. Goulding, 1; D. B. Purbeck, 1; L. C. Couch, 1. No choice.
Sixth ballot:
D. F. Goulding, 2; W. R. Davis, 1.
Recess of five minutes.
Meeting called and *Voted* that we proceed to a formal ballot.
Seventh ballot:
D. F. Goulding, 3
The chairman declared D. F. Goulding unanimously elected as Commander of the Massachusetts Division.
Meeting adjourned at 8.40.

D. B. PURBECK,
Clerk.

BOSTON, OCT. 4, 1894

Meeting of the Division Council called to order at 8.45 o'clock, P. M., at the American House. All the members present.
Councillor O. H. Cook reported on the picture of Commander-in-Chief Joseph B. Maccabe, that he had attended to his duty and the picture had been presented to the Commandery-in-Chief, and presented a bill of $24.25 for the same.
Voted, that the report be accepted and the bill approved.
Voted, that the sum of nine dollars be appropriated for a silver cross for Commander A. C. Blaisdell.
Voted, that a meeting of the Division Council be called October 17, for the purpose of auditing the books, installing the Division Commander and to transact any other business that might be brought before them.
Meeting adjourned at 9.30.

D. B. PURBECK,
Clerk.

BOSTON, OCT. 17, 1894.

Meeting of the Division Council called at the American House at 8.00 o'clock, P. M. All the members present.
The books were audited to date and approved, and the balance turned over to Chairman W. H. Delano.
Past Captain D. F. Goulding was installed as Commander of the Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans.
Chairman W. H. Delano turned over the Division money to Commander D. F. Goulding, who receipted for the same.
Meeting adjourned at 8.30.

D. B. PURBECK,
Clerk.

BOSTON, OCT. 30, 1894.

Meeting of the Division Conncil called to order at 8.00 o'clock P. M., at the American House.
Chairman W. H. Delano absent.
The bond of Commander D. F. Goulding was presented and approved.
Meeting adjourned at 8.30.

D. B. PURBECK,
Clerk.

BOSTON, DEC. 14, 1894.

Meeting of the Division Council called at the American House at 8.00 o'clock P. M. All the members present.
Voted, that the Thirteenth Annual Convention be held at the American House, Boston, February 21 and 22.
Voted, that the Council owing to the short term deem it inexpedient to print the reports of the several officers.
Voted, that the Convention be called to order at 2.00 o'clock P. M. February 21.
Meeting adjourned at 9.00.

D. B. PURBECK,
Clerk.

BOSTON, FEB. 21, 1895.

Meeting of the Division Council called to order at 10 o'clock A. M., at the American House.
Records of all the previous meetings read and approved.
The books were audited and found correct, with a balance on hand of $146.76, and supplies and Division property on hand valued at $185.07.

D. B. PURBECK,
Clerk.

WALTER H. DELANO,
DUDLEY B. PURBECK,
ORANGE H. COOK,
Division Council.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

LOWELL, MASS., FEB. 20, 1895.

FRED E. BOLTON,
Adjutant Massachusetts Division Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Sir and Brother: I herewith submit a report of the work of the Inspector's Department, since the Convention held at Pittsfield in June last. The work of this Department has not been very great as the time of the Convention was changed to February, and the time of Inspection to Oct. and Nov. It was ordered by the Commander-in-Chief that all new Camps which had been mustered since last Inspection should be inspected; also such Camps as were not inspected last April or May, but that the Camps which were inspected then need not be again, unless they so desired, in order to improve their previous rating. But none of the old Camps signified any desire to be inspected, so that left just the new Camps.

The State was divided somewhat different than in previous years. It was divided into 30 districts instead of 23 as heretofore, each district being in charge of an Assistantt Inspector. The list of Assistants is as follows:

District 1, James H. Martin, Lawrence, died shortly after his appointment.
" 2, E. W. Dennet, Lowell.
" 3, John H. Cavin, Gloucester.
" 4, E. L. Hall, Beverly Cove.
" 5, Arthur E. Parks, Greenwood.
" 6, Geo. W. Gragg, Everett.
" 7, Frank L. Pearson, Somerville.
" 8, Edw. Mullen, Charlestown.
" 9, J. Q. A. Cushman, Brighton.
" 10, E. G. Priest, Boston.
" 11, M. C. Holmes, Quincy.
" 12, T. H. McAlpine, Attleboro.
" 13, Wm. E James, New Bedford.

District 14, J. Frank Crane, North Scituate.
" 15, S. A. Luther, South Hanover.
" 16, Martin H. Willis, Eastondale.
" 17. Alton M. Fletcher, Milford.
" 18, Arthur E. Bent, South Framingham.
" 19, Fred. W. Wood, Upton.
" 20, W. H. Carrico, Worcester.
" 21, A. Judson Laythe, Clinton.
" 22, Clifton G. Greenwood, Marlboro.
" 23, Frank H. Wood, Hudson.
" 24, A. E. Hurd, Westminster.
" 25, Ernest M. Brown, West Gardner.
" 26, Fred A. Cook, Greenfield.
" 27, F. S. Illingworth, North Adams.
" 28, Walter H. Brown, Holyoke.
" 29, W. U. Ladd, Spencer.
" 30, A. S. Kimball, West Newton.
Special Assistant C. H. Bruce, Lowell.

Late in the year Brother Emery Coulter, of Needham, was appointed by the Division Commander as a Special Assistant to the Inspector.

As early as possible the Assistants were notified which Camps were in their district, but as the work was to be so light they were ordered not to make any official visits unless the Camps in their district desired to be inspected. It is not necessary to give an extended report of the work of the Camps, as you all have the figures in the printed report of the Twelfth Annual Convention. I will simply give a report of the new Camps, and the total figures with the new Camps added.

The new Camps mustered since last inspection are Groveland, 74; Woburn, 66; Watertown, 29; Enfield, 84; and Plymouth, 102; this last, having been mustered since the Commander-in-Chief's order for an inspection was issued, has not been inspected. Another reason for not inspecting it was—it was mustered barely six weeks before December 1st, and as the work was to be changed so soon it was not thought best to make them stand the expense of an inspection.

The following are the figures with the new Camps added, and those of the Camps which have been dropped, subtracted:—

1. 96 Captains have committed the ritualistic work to memory; 31 partially committed; 10 not committed at all. 70% have fully committed. Average, 4.2%.
2. 116 1st Lieutenants have committed their work; 13 partially committed; 8 not committed at all. 84% have committed. Average, 4.49%.
3. 108 2d Lieutenants have committed their work; 23 partially committed; 6 not committed at all. 78.8% committed. Average, 4.45%.
4. 112 Chaplains have committed their work; 13 partially; 12 not at all. 81.7% yes. Average, 4.38%.
5. 104 Sergeants of the Guard have committed their work; 28 partially; 5 not at all. 75.9% yes. Average, 4.41%.
6. 92 camps report officers regular in their attendance; 44 partially regular; 1 reports no. 67.1% yes. Average, 4.43%.
7. 8 camps report members regular in their attendance; 129 partially so. 5.8% yes. Average, 4.43%.
8. Complete records were found in 123 camps; 13 partially; 1 not kept at all. 89.7% yes. Average, 4.81.
9. 105 camps report dues promptly collected; 26 more or less promptly; 6 collected very poorly. 76.6% yes. Average, 4.54%.
10. 132 camps had their Quartermaster's bond on file; 5 did not. 96.3% yes. Average, 4.84%.

11. The officers are uniformed in 131 camps; 5 partially so; 1 not at all. 95.6% yes. Average, 4.90%.
12. Rank straps are worn by the officers of 127 camps; 7 camps by a part of the officers; 3 camps they are not worn at all. 92.7% yes. Average, 4.78%.
13. In 129 camps side arms are worn; in 2 camps they are worn by a part of the officers; in 6 they are not worn at all. 93.4% yes. Average, 4.73%.
14. Proper chevrons are worn in 127 camps; in 4 camps they are worn by some; in 6 camps they are not worn at all. 92.7% yes. Average, 4.73%.
15. The members are properly uniformed in 113 camps; 24 camps are partially uniformed. 82.4% yes. Average, 4.70%.
16. A badge is presented to recruits in every camp. 100% yes. Average, 5.
17. General orders are read in 133 camps; 2 camps read them partially; 1 camp does not read them at all. 97% yes. Average 4.89%.
18. 133 camps are properly equipped; 4 partially so. 97% yes. Average, 4.98%.
19. Reports and dues are forwarded promptly from all the camps. 100% yes. Average, 5.
20. All the camps are out of debt. 100% yes. Average, 5.
21. There are 137 camps and 4777 members, an average of 34 members to each camp.
22. 574 members have been dropped, an average of 4 to each camp.
23. Increase by muster and transfer, 674, an average of about 5.
24. Camps own property to the value of $31,487.07, an average of $259.02.
25. Amount of money in camp treasuries, $10,241.07, an average of $74.02.
26. The average amount charged for dues is $3.05.
27. The average amount charged for muster fees is $2.17.
28. 116 special meetings have been held.
29. Relief has been extended to 246 brothers.
30. There has been expended for relief $3,858.29, an average of $28.16 to each Camp.
31. 18 camps report Ladies' Aid Societies.
32. The Grand Army aid and assist in 123 camps.
33. 18 camps engage in company drill regularly; 119 do not.
34. 52 camps are equipped as infantry; 4 as cavalry; 1 as navy.
35. Total number equipped with arms, 973.
36. The average cost of inspection to each camp was $1.76; the average rating of each camp was 91.9. There are 130 1st class camps, and 7 2d class.

Camp 113, of East Pepperell, has surrendered its charter.

There have been no exemplification meetings held this year, as it was not thought advisable, on account of the changes to be made so soon. The new Camps have done very good work, especially Camp 66, of Woburn, which was mustered on the 29th day of last May, and has between 35 and 40 members, every one of whom is uniformed. They received a marking of 98 in their inspection. When we get such Camps as this in our Order, it makes us think that the Sons of Veterans amount to something,—that they have come to stay.

This department was allowed $50 for expenses, of which has been expended $40.70, leaving a balance of $9.30.

I would earnestly recommend that in consideration of the changes which have been made this year, and the additional expense of holding exemplification meetings, and bringing the Massachusetts Division up to its present standard in the Order, my successor be allowed a very liberal sum for the carrying on the work of this department.

The consolidated report was given to Inspector General Blaisdell in January. In conclusion I want to thank the Assistant Inspectors and all who have assisted me in any way. This year we commence with a new ritual and new work. Let us all work hard, and when the next Convention comes may it still find old Massachusetts in the front rank, in the place where she belongs as she always has been in the past.

Respectfully submitted in F. C and L.

WALTER H. COLBURN,
Inspector.

Inspector's Report submitted in print *by vote* of Encampment, Afternoon Session, second day.

Commander (addressing Adjutant): "Is there any unfinished business on the minutes?"

Adjutant Bolton: "There is none, sir, that I know of."

Past Captain Jackman, of Haverhill: "I would inquire at this time, if those are all the reports to come before the Convention?"

Commander: "Those are all the reports at the present time that I know of."

Past Captain Jackman then referred to a circular bearing the names of members of this Convention having been sent throughout the Division, in which the present Division Officers are charged with having used their offices for personal aggrandizement, by whose action our Order is said to be now suffering shame and humiliation; and that this means the dissolution of the organization of Sons of Veterans.

Past Captain Couch: "I rise to a point of order. I do not see how this is in order at this time, or at any time on the floor of this Convention."

Past Colonel Purbeck: "I am one of these Division Officers, and I have heard some of these reports going around here, and I hope that the reading of the matter will be in order. If there has been anything done by the Division Officers during the past year, why, I am certainly one that is to blame, and I want to know what it is."

Past Captain Couch: "It is not in order now on the floor of this Convention; it will be in order under 'new business;' and, at the proper time, it should be presented under 'new business.'"

Past Captain Jackman: "I offer it as a question of privilege."

Past Colonel Upham: Commander, "I move, that if the Brother (Past Captain Jackman) has a resolution, he present it to the Committee on Resolutions."

Past Colonel J. H. Hinkley seconded the motion.

Brother Higgins, of Gardener: "I will state that if there is any business on the reports of the officers, if there is anything wherein any officer has not done right, now is the time to hear it."

After quite a lengthy discussion as to the propriety of the matter, the Commander ruled that the only business in order was the "Reception and Reference of Communications from Camps," to be called according to number. The Adjutant thereon called the roll of Camps.

After proceeding with the roll call some minutes, without any resolutions or other communications being presented, Adjutant Bolton suggested that the further reading of the roll be dispensed with. It was so ordered.

At this juncture, Commander Goulding announced to the Convention, that Commander-in-Chief William E. Bundy, was present in the hotel (American House). The following Brothers were detailed to escort the Commander-in-Chief to the Convention Hall: Past Colonels Nathan C. Upham, John H. Hinkley, Walter H. Delano, Dudley B. Purbeck.

After Past Colonel Upham had presented the Commander-in-Chief to the Convention, Commander Goulding introduced the Commander-in-Chief, who addressed the Convention briefly, in complimentary terms.

Past Colonel Purbeck: "I understand that the next order of business is 'Reports of Committees;' and as committees certainly cannot report until they have something to report on, I would move that we now adjourn until ten o'clock to-morrow forenoon, February 22." The motion was duly seconded and carried.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

MORNING.

The Second Day's Session was called to order at 10.15 o'clock, Division Commander Goulding in the chair.

The roll of Camps was called by the Adjutant, but on motion of Past Captain Couch, was suspended.

Commander Goulding announced that a delegation from the Ladies' Aid Society wished to present greetings from their Convention.

Upon motion of Captain Albert De Leon, of Camp 82, business was suspended for ten minutes. The ladies entered, the members of the Convention rising. The President of the Ladies' Aid Society of the State of Massachusetts, Mrs. Lowell, of Brockton, Past President Mrs. S. A. Davis, and Mustering Officer, Mrs. S. A. Gilson addressed the Encampment. Delegate Willard Howland of Camp 81, and Past Captain George N. Howard of Camp 135, expressed acknowledgements for the delegates. The delegation retired and were applauded by the delegates.

The Daughters of Veterans' representatives were announced as in waiting upon the pleasure of the Convention. Commander Goulding called up the Encampment as Miss Addie A. Yorke, President of the Massachusetts Department entered, accompanied by Miss Cora B. Pike, Junior Vice-President, and Miss Lizzie E. McIntyre, Department Treasurer. Their presentation at the altar was the signal for applause. Commander Goulding then introduced Miss Yorke, who extended the greetings of the Daughters, and in closing presented the Commander with a choice bouquet of flowers. Commander Goulding made a happy response, and called upon Past Commander George W. Knowlton, who conveyed the compliments of the Convention to Miss Yorke in suitable words. Miss Pike also made brief, but interesting remarks.

The delegation then left the hall, cheered by the Brothers, whom they had charmed by their presence and kind words.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

CREDENTIALS.

Adjutant Bolton, for the Committee on Credentials, then made the following report:—

Representatives who have filed their credentials: Division Officers, 11; Camp Officers, 129; Past Division and Camp Officers, 196; Delegates, 138. Total, 474.

Past Commander-in-Chief Maccabe: "I move, sir, that the report of the Committee on Credentials be adopted." The motion was seconded by several Brothers, and carried.

RITUAL.

Past Captain Edwin Mullen, for the Committee on Ritual, reported favorably on Recommendation Number 3 of the Division Commander. It was voted to adopt the report.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following Resolution (offered by Past Captain C. W. Jackman, of Camp 129, Haverhill) and report of the Committee on Resolutions, read by Past Captain Couch, occasioned a spirited discussion.

"Circulars bearing the names of members of this Convention having been sent throughout the Division, in which the present Division Officers are charged with having used their offices for 'personal aggrandizement, and by whose actions our Order is now suffering shame and humiliation,' and that this 'means dissolution of the organization of Sons of Veterans in this Division:' it seems only the plain duty of this Convention to thoroughly investigate these charges; and I therefore move that a committee of three (?) be raised by nomination from the floor, to investigate these charges and report to this Convention."

The Committee's report "Ought to pass," was rejected. The vote, Yeas, 143. Nays, 207.

Delegate Holbrook, of Camp 63, stated that his name had been used in connection with a circular without his knowledge or consent.

Past Captain Couch, for the Committee on Resolutions, reported "Ought to to pass" on the following resolution offered by Capt. Littlefield of Camp 63:

Whereas, It has become a notorious fact that in many parades taking place in large towns and cities in the United States, certain civic and military societies carry with impunity and without protest or hindrance, the flags of Countries and Nations in principles and practice directly opposed to Republican forms of government, and in no manner whatever being in sympathy with, or having respect for a people possessed of free homes, free schools, free press and free government.

Whereas, The United States has by its representatives in Congress assembled, adopted a flag emblematical of this Republic, and by enactment, made the flag so adopted the supreme ensign of national integrity and power, the symbol of American Independence, the banner under which the armies and navies are led to battle and victory; a flag bearing with every stripe and star legends of the valor and heroism of American soldiery from Lexington to Appomattox, a flag made sacred by the blood of its brave and heroic defenders, who gave up all friends, home and life, that the starry folds of their country's flag might forever wave over a free and happy people. One Country, One Flag, was the battle cry of our fathers, as they sprang to arms to repel the invasion of the rebel hordes, and were led under one flag to glorious victory, bringing peace to our land and prosperity to our people.

Whereas, The down-trodden of all lands have been royally welcomed to this country, have made therein homes for themselves and children, equal to that of the kings of their fatherland. As they have been given the patent of American nobility, citizenship; as they have accepted the honor so conferred, the protection enjoyed by citizens of native birth; as they have left behind them the legends and traditions of the Old World, pledged themselves to the New, and are in honor bound to become truly Americans in sentiment, thought and deed, and, as Americans love and honor but One Country and One Flag.

Therefore resolved, That we in Convention assembled, representing the Camps of the Massachusetts Division, and what we believe to be the minds of the members of said Camps, and believing that action should be taken at our next National Convention, would impower our Delegates at the National Encampment in behalf of Massachusetts Division to most earnestly and emphatically protest against all public display of flags or emblems of foreign nations except those upon buildings used by ambassadors, consuls and other official representatives of nations having diplomatic relations with the United States, and we further protest against carrying of foreign flags or emblems in Society, State and National parades. We make this protest as American citizens, believing that Our Flag, the Glorious Stars and Stripes, is the one and only flag entitled to the love and respect of people claiming citizenship in the United States of America. We make this protest to the descendants of men who wrested from the iron rule of a king, the thirteen colonies, and made them Free and Independent States. We make this protest as sons of ex-Union soldiers, believing that we love the old flag as they loved it, and that the same feeling of patriotism which called them to the field, actuates us in this protest and inspires us to demand that the American flag shall be the only flag or emblem permitted to wave in the United States excepted as before stated.

We furthermore resolve, That we call on all the Sons of Veterans and every true patriotic citizen, American or foreign born, to join with us in this protest and in the performance of such deeds as may be necessary to make our watchwords, One Country, and One Flag.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

The same Committee reported "Ought to pass," on the following resolution, presented by Delegate Edwin F. Tuttle of Camp 18.

Whereas, Through the influence of unpatriotic and unprincipled people it is the custom of thousands of people in our land to engage in and to encourage horse racing, base ball playing and numerous athletic sports, and for various clubs, societies and associations to hold field days on Memorial Day.

Whereas, Memorial Day has been set apart as a day for the purpose of doing honor to the "heroic dead," to perpetuate the memories of the Union Defenders and to inculcate to the lessons of True Patriotism and Loyalty.

And whereas, The present abuses and misuses, if not disgraceful, are very unpatriotic.

Therefore be it resolved, That the Massachusetts Division of the Sons of Veterans condemns the present abuses and misuses of Memorial Day, and appeals to all patriotic people to keep that Day sacred for the purposes for which it was set apart."

The report of the Committee was adopted.

The same Committee reported "Ought not to pass" on the resolution of the officers and members of E. R. Bosworth Camp No. 77, as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the 13th Annual Encampment:

The officers and members of E. R. Bosworth Camp, No 77, S. of V., respectfully petition that Brother George E. Cobb, of Camp No. 77, be reinstated to his honors of Past Captain. Brother Cobb was dropped by J. C. Wellington Camp 14, for non-payment of dues, but was reinstated by same. The reason Brother Cobb fell behind in his dues was because he removed from Cambridge and his address not being known to the first sergeant he received no notification of his arrears in dues.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

"Ought to pass" was the report of the Committee on the following resolutions from the Delegates Camps 9 and 108:

Resolved, that, in the opinion of this Encampment, a favorable ballot for the Degree of Friendship, makes further balloting for advancement unnecessary.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

The Committee reported "Ought to pass," on the following resolution presented by Past Captain G. Henry Powell, of Camp 47, Canton:

Whereas, A petition has recently been presented the Legislature by certain patriotic citizens of Massachusetts, asking for an annual appropriation of money from the treasury of our Commonwealth, for the purpose of providing an American flag for each and every public school within its borders. It is,

Resolved, That we, the representatives of Camps of the Massachusetts Division Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in Convention assembled at Boston, Mass., this 22d day of February 1895, unanimously endorse the aforesaid petition, believing that the results accruing from making such an appropriation will not only tend to inculcate the lessons of patriotism more deeply into the hearts of the people, but will also inspire greater love of country and loyalty and devotion to the grand old stars and stripes, whose dignity and honor our fathers fought to uphold and maintain.

Resolved, That we hereby pledge ourselves to do all in our power to bring about such legislation as may be compatible with the aforesaid petition, and that the members of the State, Senate and House of Representatives of Massachusetts for the year 1895 are hereby requested to aid us by their influence and votes to bring about the desired result.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the General Court of Massachusetts for the year 1895, and also spread upon the records of this Encampment.

After considerable discussion participated in by Brothers Penniman of Camp 17, Gurney of Camp 116, G. H. Powell of Camp 47, and Higgins of Camp 37, Brother George W. Penniman offered us a substitute for the report of the Committee, this resolution:

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the measure now before the Legislature, to provide that the American flag shall float over every schoolhouse in the Commonwealth.

The Committee on Resolutions accepted the substitute, to take the place of their original report, and the same was adopted.

A breezy discussion ensued upon the resolutions presented by William H. Carney Camp 82, Boston, based upon the newspaper reports of discrimination among Sons of Veterans in the Southern States, on account of color. The resolutions follow:

Whereas, Commander-in-Chief Wm. E. Bundy, has seen fit to enjoin peaceful, loyal, and law abiding colored citizens and Sons of Veterans of the Southern States, from exercising their constitutional rights and privileges, hoping by this means to foster and perpetuate a slavish mode of submission, far below the standard of modern civilization, and,

Whereas, Under this said injunction, the colored Sons of Veterans are denied charters, or the right to organize with the White Division, a right and privilege that has prevailed unmolested in other States since the first conception of the Order, therefore be it

Resolved, That we condemn in unmeasured terms, this attempt to stifle human liberty in the accession of all rights and privileges that should be meted out to all citizens of this country, irregardless of creed, color or nationality, or past conditions of servitude. Be it further

Resolved, That we, members of Wm. H. Carney Camp 82, S. V. Division of Massachusetts, U. S. A., representing the colored Sons of Veterans, whose fathers' services and sacrifices made this grandest Republic possible, and who defended it on every battlefield, and all seas, while remaining true and loyal to the principles embodied in this, our grand Order, we also re-affirm our devotion to the immortal principles enunciated in the Declaration of Independence, that the rights of man are the goal to which the footsteps of the race should ever be directed, and we hereby pledge ourselves to continue on in our struggle for better conditions.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the Committee on Resolutions at the Massachusetts Division Encampment, and also a copy at the N. E. Association of S. V., U. S. A., and a copy spread upon the records of our Camp

The Committee's report, "Most decidedly ought not to pass," was discussed by Past Captain Henry Clay of Camp 82, and Past Commander-in-Chief Maccabe.

Brother Penniman of Camp 17, in order that the sentiments of the Encampment should not be misunderstood, moved to substitute the words "No legislation necessary" for the report of the Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Bundy took occasion to explain the matter in a thorough manner, and proved conclusively that he had never been called upon to act in the matter, notwithstanding the newspaper reports.

The subject was further discussed by Past Captains Selden and U. G. Powell, and Captain DeLeon of Camp 82, also by Past Captain G. Henry Powell of Camp 82, and Brother Holbrook of Camp 63, the latter moving the previous question on Brother Penniman's motion to substitute the words "No Legislation necessary" for the Committee's report.

The previous question was ordered, and the report in its revised form was adopted.

The Committee report "Ought to pass" on the following resolution:

At the last regular meeting Feb. 8, 1895 of this Camp, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we, the officers and members of Camp 1, S. of V., U. S. A., of Lynn, Mass., in regular meeting assembled hereby petition the Massachusetts Division S. of V., U. S. A., to petition the Commandery-in-chief at its next regular session to restore the past ranks of William H. Phillips and Geo. C. Atkinson, Chas. A. Smiledge and Geo. B McDavitt, members of the "Fire Committee" who were granted permission to again become members of the Order by vote of the last Encampment of the Commandery-in-chief.*

The Committee's report "Ought not to pass" on the resolution from Capt. M. F. Curley and Past Capt. C. H. Newton, of Camp 31.

Whereas, A petition by R. F. Andrews, Jr., a member of the City Council of Boston, and a Brother of Admiral Winslow Camp 31, Division of Massachusetts S. V., U. S. A., has been sent to Hon. E. U. Curtis, Mayor of Boston, requesting the Mayor of Boston to petition the Massachusetts Legislature for permission to cities and towns to grant money to Camps of the Sons of Veterans, for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

Resolved, that the Massachusetts Division in Convention assembled, tender to R. F. Andrews, Jr., a vote of thanks for his efforts in this connection.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to R. F. Andrews, Jr., and to Hon. E. U Curtis, Mayor of Boston. *

"No action necessary" on the resolution of J. T. Temple, delegate Camp 99.

Resolved, That a Past Captain's, Captain's, Delegate's or Alternate's credential be recognized as an order for the countersign and semi-annual password at the Annual State Convention. This to take effect upon its approval by the Convention. *

The Committee's report "No action necessary" on the following resolution of Camp 54.

"At the regular meeting of this Camp held on Nov. 22, 1894, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, In the application for membership to the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., there seems to be a good opportunity for a dropped member of a disbanded Camp, forgetting that he has been dropped, to file an application with some Camp and be received into the Order as a new member, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Camp in regular meeting assembled, petition the Massachusetts Division, S. of V., U. S. A., to instruct the delegates to the next National Convention to have added the following, to the application papers for membership.

Have you ever been a member of any Camp S. of V., U. S. A.?

Name and number of Camp. Where located.

Believing the above additions will be of great benefit and security to the Order at large. *

The Committee's report "No action necessary" on the following resolution of Camp 54.

At the regular meeting of this Camp held on Nov. 22, 1894, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, In the sense of the Civil law, a legally adopted son is the legal heir to the father's possessions, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Camp in regular meeting assembled, petition the Massachusetts Division, S. of V., U. S. A., to instruct the delegates to the next National Convention to have added to Sec. 1, Art. 5, page 5 of the C. R. and R. the following:

An adopted son is not eligible to membership.

Believing the above addition will be of benefit to the Order. *

The Convention at 1 o'clock adjourned until 2 P. M.

*Reports of Committees submitted in print *by vote* of Encampment, Afternoon Session, second day.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES—*Continued.*

The Convention was promptly opened at 2 o'clock by Commander Goulding who called for the report of the "Committee on Officers' Reports."

OFFICERS' REPORTS.

The recommendations of the Division Commander were considered. Recommendation No. 1 was adopted, by vote; No. 2 was adopted by vote; No. 5 was adopted, by vote.

The Division Surgeon's report was next taken up:—

Recommendation No. 1. The Committee recommended that the matter be referred to the Delegates to the Commandery-in-Chief. This report of the Committee was adopted.

Recommendation No. 2. The Committee reported favorably on the recommendation, and it was adopted.

Brother Penniman, of Camp 17, offered a motion in order to expedite the business, that all other reports now in the hands of Committees, including Reports of Officers, be submitted in print.* The motion was duly seconded and carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Past Captain Couch, of Camp 26, offered a motion that before proceeding to the Election of Officers a Committee of Six be appointed to count the ballots for the various officers to be elected.

By general consent, the number of tellers to be appointed was made three instead of six, and the following were appointed as tellers: Brother Penniman, of Camp 17; Past Captain Stone, of Camp 81; Past Captain Rooney, of Camp 54.

Nominations for Division Commander then being in order, the following Brothers were named for that position: Eugene B. Estes, of Camp 17, by Brother George W. Penniman; Fred E. Bolton, of Camp 96, by Past Commander Charles K. Darling; Charles F. Cook, of Camp 11, by Past Captain O. L. Gurney.

The nomination of Brother Bolton was seconded by Captain E. H. Lounsbury, of Camp 66. The ballot resulted as follows:

Whole number of votes cast, 463. Necessary to a choice, 232.

Charles F. Cook had 78, Eugene B. Estes had 99, Fred E. Bolton had 286.

Brother Penniman on behalf of Brother Eugene B. Estes moved to make the election unanimous.

Brother Charles F. Cook seconded the motion.

The motion was put, and Brother Bolton was declared elected.

Brother Bolton being called for, spoke briefly, expressive of thanks for the honor conferred.

Nominations for Senior Vice-Commander were then called for and made as follows: H. D. Sission, of Camp 108, by Past Commander W. A. Stevens; F. C. Bruce, of Camp 77, by Past Captain W. G. Moseley.

On motion by Brother Penniman the nominations were closed.

The vote was as follows:

Whole number of votes cast, 441. Necessary to a choice, 221.

Brother Bruce had 112. Brother Sisson had 329.

Past Captain G. Henry Powell, of Camp 47, Canton, on behalf of Brother Bruce moved that the election of Brother Harry D. Sisson be made unanimous.

The motion being seconded and carried, the Commander declared that H. D. Sisson, of Pittsfield, was elected.

The following nominations were made for Junior Vice-Commander:

Harry S. Thompson, of Camp 81, by Brother Willard Howland; H. Frank Williamson, of Camp 47, by Past Colonel J. H. Hinkley.

Past Captain Stotz, of Camp 33, Charlestown, seconded the nomination of Brother Williamson.

The vote resulted as follows:

Whole number of votes cast, 428. Necessary to a choice, 215.
Brother Thompson had 126. Brother Williamson had 302.

Past Captain Thompson with manifest magnanimity moved that the election be made unanimous, which was adopted, and Brother Williamson declared elected.

Some little difference of opinion was manifested as to the method of choosing the members of the Division Council for the ensuing year.

Brother Penniman moved that we proceed to the election of three members of the Division Council and that the three having the highest number of votes, be declared elected. This motion was seconded and carried.

The nominations were:

Past Division Commander, D. F. Goulding; Past Captain Charles E. Bennett, of Camp 5; Past Captain William O. Cutler, of Camp 49; Past Captain D. Murray Travis, of Camp 63; Past Captain W. H. Brown, of Camp 60; Captain Ellsworth M. Brown, of Camp 37; Past Captain Charles F. Cook, of Camp 11.

Past Captain G. Henry Powell seconded the nomination of Brother Charles F. Cook.

On motion of Past Captain Messenger of Camp 44, the nominations were closed.

The vote for Division Council resulted as follows:

E. M. Brown, 67; W. H. Brown, 89; William O. Cutler, 123; C. E. Bennett, 139; D. Murray Travis, 154; D. F. Goulding 195; Charles F. Cook 249.

Brothers Cook, Goulding and Travis were declared elected.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Brother Willard Howland nominated Past Captain Charles D. Rooney, as Delegate at Large.

It was voted that the Adjutant deposit one ballot for Charles D. Rooney, as Delegate at Large, which was done, and Brother Rooney was declared elected.

Brother Penniman moved that the nine brothers receiving the highest number of votes as Delegates, be declared elected, and that the others, up to the number of nine, receiving the next highest number of votes be declared alternates. The motion was adopted.

The ballot resulted as follows:

DELEGATES: S. A. Pickering, 135 votes; W. R. Davis, 133; George W. Penniman, 114; L. C. Couch, 91; C. H. Messenger, 90; H. F. Eaton, 78; T. F. Holman, 75; C. F. Perkins, 75; F. W. Parker, 75.

ALTERNATES: G. L. Bray, 63; E. P. Fowle, 62; H. D. Buzzee, 56; A. A. Selden, 50; Harry Lowell, 46; W. R. Waterman, 41; Willard Howland, 6; W. H. Delano, 4.

Brother Howland moved that Brother Cutler, of Natick, be selected as Alternate-at-Large, and Brother C. E. Bennett, of Hudson, be the Alternate to fill the vacancy in the list of nine Alternates. The motion was seconded by Past Colonel Delano and carried.

Past Colonel Delano withdrew as an Alternate Delegate, because of the fact that he is (ex-officio) a member of the National body.

Past Captain Stotz, of Camp 33, substituted the name of Past Captain A. G. Jewett, of Camp 54, to fill the vacancy caused by the declination of Past Colonel Delano.

It was voted to authorize the substitution.

At this juncture, the Commander-in-Chief bade good-bye to the boys, and left amid hearty cheers.

Past Commander Bert E. Fisher of the New Hampshire Division then installed the officers elect, and Commander Bolton assumed his position.

Brother Willard Howland, in a neat speech, presented the retiring Commander, Daniel F. Goulding, with a handsome diamond-studded Past Colonel's silver cross, which deeply touched Brother Goulding, while the Brothers of the Convention backed up the presentation with manifestations of respect.

Past Captain W. R. Davis, of Camp 16, moved that the Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Division be held in Boston, February 21st, and 22nd, 1896. Adopted.

Past Captain C. G. Kelley, of Camp 31, moved that the Division Council be instructed to procure some public hall in the city of Boston for the next Annual Convention. Adopted.

Past Commander Upham moved that the Division appropriate towards the expenses of the Delegates to the National Encampment at Knoxville, Tenn., the sum of twenty-five dollars ($25). each. Seconded by Past Captain Couch, and carried.

Past Commander Delano moved that the sum of nine dollars be appropriated from the Division Treasury to pay for a silver cross for the retiring Commander in accordance with the usual custom. The motion was adopted.

Past Captain Emery Coulter, of Camp 109, moved that a vote of thanks be extended to Lieut. A. D. Bullock, of Camp 106, for his labors in entertaining the Delegates, it having been by Lieut. Bullock's courtesy that the Brothers of the Convention were permitted to visit the Charlestown Navy Yard. Seconded and carried.

Past Commander Upham called attention to the fact that the expenses of Division Commander Blaisdell to the last Annual Convention of the national body were $149, as against $150 for the entire expense appropriated for four other Delegates.

Commander Bolton explained that the Constitution provided that the minutes of the session should be read before the closing; but as a stenographer had served all through the Encampment, (Brother Jacob W. Powell, of Camp 82, Boston), suggested that a motion be made to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Past Commander Darling moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with. Seconded by Past Commander Delano, and carried.

Past Captain G. Henry Powell moved that the proceedings of this Encampment be printed and issued to the Camps in this Division within sixty days from date, (February 22nd). The motion was duly seconded.

An amendment was proposed that the time be ninety days, instead of sixty. The motion was adopted as amended.

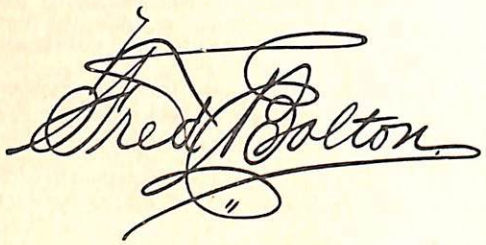
The Convention was brought to a close in due form at Seven o'clock P. M.

JACOB W. POWELL,
Stenographer and Assistant Adjutant.

APPROVED:

DANIEL F. GOULDING,
Past Division Commander.

OFFICIAL:



Past Division Adjutant.

Following the close of the Encampment an exemplification of the three-degree ritual was given by the officers and staff of Abraham Lincoln Camp 106, Charlestown, Captain Tilton S. Bell, commanding.

The work was executed in an intelligent manner and proved of interest to the large number of Brothers who witnessed the same.

A vote of thanks was given the Camp for its courtesy.

F. E. B.

ROSTER

OF THE

Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

1895.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

Division Commander.

FRED E. BOLTON, Faneuil Hall, Boston,

Senior Vice Division Commander.

HARRY D. SISSON, Pittsfield.

Junior Vice Division Commander.

H. FRANK WILLIAMSON, Canton.

Division Council.

DANIEL F. GOULDING, (Chairman), Somerville,

CHARLES F. COOK, Whitman.

D. MURRAY TRAVIS, (Clerk), So. Framingham.

STAFF OFFICERS.

Surgeon.

A. A. UPTON, Orange.

Chaplain,

WILLIAM R. WATERMAN, Hanover,

Adjutant.

GILBERT H. SMITH, 22 School St., (Room 10), Boston.

Quartermaster,

THOMAS J. HANNON, Dedham.
Address 82 Hanover St., Boston.

Inspector.

WILLIAM E. JAMES, New Bedford.

Mustering Officer.

ORANGE H. COOK, Melrose.

Judge Advocate.

HARRY M. HOLBROOK, Holliston.

NON-COMMISSIONED STAFF.

Sergeant-Major.

WALTER R. BENNETT, Boston.

Quartermaster-Sargeant.

EMERY COULTER, Needham.

No	Name of Camp	Location	Meeting Night	Name of Captain and Address	Place of Meeting
1	Lt. Col. Chas. R. Mudge	Lynn	2d and 4th Friday	Butler Metzger, 66 So. Elm St	36 Market St.
2	Gen. A. A. Goodell	Worcester	Wednesday	John J. Torpey, 60 Oxford St	418 Main St.
3	Capt. Richard Phillips	Marblehead	Thursday	John F. Gilbert, Box 33	Gregory Hall, School St.
4	Lt. Wm. Palmer	Randolph	1st and 3d Thursday	George H. Eddy	Chestnut St.
5	Maj. A. A. Powers	Hudson	2d and 4th Thursday	John W. Mulhern	G. A. R., Main St.
6	John Low	Beverly	Tuesday	Clinton S. Foster, 100 Corning St	G. A. R., Cabot St.
7	Boston	Boston	1st and 3d Friday	E. M. Shirley, 41 Palmer St., Roxbury	514 Tremont St.
8	Lt-Col. Henry Merritt	Salem	Thursday	H. E. Manning, 24 Prescott St	G. A. R., 17 St. Peter St.
9	Lincoln	North Adams	Tuesday	J. T. Potter, 8 Wall St	Main St.
10	Chas. Haddock	Beverly Farms	1st and 3d Wed	Lewis G. Williams	Cor. West and Hart Sts.
11	Geo. A. Custer	Whitman	Friday	Guy P. Allen, So. Abington Station, Box 82	G. H. S., Washington St.
12	Albert Prince	Oxford	1st and 3d Thursday	Edmund M. Bond	G. A. R., Main St.
13	John A. Andrew	Stoughton	1st and 3d Thursday	H. L. Randell	G. A. R.
14	Jonas C. Wellington	Cambridgeport	1st and 3d Wed	A. F. Plummer, 20 Howard St	523 Massachusetts Ave.
15	L. A. Tifft	Springfield	1st and 3d Thursday	J. E. Knox, 32 Bradford St	Cor Main and State St.
16	H. B. Leighton	Somerville	2d and 4th Thursday	Fred E. Warren, Thorpe Pl	Gilman Sq.
17	Capt. R. B. Grover	Brockton	Monday	Bradford Hollis, 18 Grove St	East Elm St.
18	A. A. Sherman	Uxbridge	Friday	A. E. Seagrave	G. A. R.
19	Lt. A. L. Fuller	Clinton	1st and 3d Tuesday	E. E. Thompson, 54 Church St	G. A. R.
20	Russell A. Alger	Colrain	1st and 3d Thursday	A. B. Smith, Lyonsville	Lyonsville.
21	Col. L. D. Sargent	Lawrence	1st and 3d Thursday	B. H. McKenney, 11 Parker St	Cor. Essex & Appleton St.
22	Maj. T. B. Griffith	Middleboro	Wednesday	Chas. N. Warren, 11 West St	G. A. R.
23	Gen. J. F. Reynolds	Reading	2d and 4th Thursday	Geo. W. Braxton, 59 W. Chestnut St., Wakefield	G. A. R.
24	J. Franklin Dyer	Gloucester	Tuesday	Frank S. Lane, 118 Maplewood Ave	181 Main St.
25	Willie Grout	Worcester	Monday	E. A. Gleason, 41 Lincoln St	566 Main St.
26	Gen. D. N. Couch	Taunton	1st and 3d Thursday	Geo. Toomey, 117 Broadway	G. A. R. 19 Weir St.
27	Francis L. Souther	Quincy	1st and 3d Tuesday	Clarence E. Bayard, 53 Common St., W. Quincy	G. A. R.
28	Clark S. Simonds	Fitchburg	1st and 3d Tuesday	H. A. Coburn, 43 Pleasant St	G. A. R., Main St.
29	Isaac B. Patten	Watertown	2d and 4th Monday	Chas. W. Benjamin	G. A. R. Cor. Main and Mt. Auburn St.
30	Lt. Nathl. Bowditch	Dorchester	1st and 3d Wed	Geo. W. Hill, 1026 Saratoga St., E. Boston	G. A. R., Park St.
31	Admiral Winslow	Roxbury	1st and 3d Monday	M. F. Curley, 67 Rockland St	67 Warren St.
32	W. S. Hancock	Webster	2d and 4th Friday	Merton Trask, School St	G. A. R. Main St.
33	Col. Ezra J. Trull	Charlestown	Tuesday	James A. Bovey, 205 Main St., Medford	332 Main St.
34	H. M. Warren	Wakefield	1st and 3d Thursday	Fred Perry, 6 Emerson St	Foster St.
35	John A. Hawes	New Bedford	Tuesday	Franklin E. James, 137 Tremont St	39 Purchase St.
36	James L. Bates	EastWeymouth	1st and 3d Friday	Frank A. Richards, Weymouth Heights	G. A. R.
37	Charles Sumner	Gardner	1st and 3d Tuesday	E. M. Brown, W. Gardner	G. A. R.
38	Gen. Granville M. Dodge	Georgetown	Monday	G. E. Colburn	Union Block.
39	N. D. White	Winchendon	2d and 4th Wed	R. F. Gould, Waterville	
40	C. G. Townsend	Conway	1st and 3d Friday	A. E. Paddock	G. A R.
41	Gen. N. P. Banks	Waltham	2d and 4th Friday	Fred A. Tilson, 64 Lowell St	Cor. Moody and Felton St.
42	Wm. C. Scandlin	Grafton	1st and 3d Monday	Melvin A. Aldrich, Farnumsville	G. A. R.
43	E. H. Hartshorn	Berlin	1st and 3d Wed	W. E. Merrill	Memorial Hall
44	Gen. W. F. Draper	Franklin	1st and 3d Tuesday	E. F. Harttmann	G. A. R.
45	Chas. V. Marsh	Arlington	1st and 3d Thursday	W. A. Stevens	G. A R., Mass. Ave.
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47	Col. Fletcher Webster	Canton	1st and 3d Wed	C. Elmer Carroll	G. A. R., Church St.
48	Geo. S. Bliss	Northampton	2d and 4th Friday	J. D. Seymour, M. D., Whately	G. A R., Main St.
49	Henry Wilson	Natick	2d and 4th Friday	Wm. H. Hall	G. A. R.
50	Howard A. Wheeler	Rockland	1st and 3d Thursday	Geo. H. Harrington	G. A. R.
51	Calvin Cutter	Warren	2d and 4th Friday	Leander Adams, Box 215	G. A. R.
52	E. A. Bennett	Leominster	2d and 4th Monday	Geo. S. Boynton, 7 Winter St	G. A. R., 12 Main St.
53	Gen. Sheridan	Orange	2d and 4th Tuesday	D. L. Crandall	G. A. R. Block
54	Gen. S. C. Lawrence	Medford	2d and 4th Thursday	Wm. Z. Bean, 21 Canal St., W. Medford	G. A. R., High St.
55	Wm. C. Bryant	Cummington	1st and 3d Thursday	Harry W. Kingsley	

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56	S. S. Sleeper	Cambridge	2d and 4th Tuesday	Geo. I. Shedd, 54 Albion St., Somerville	1234 Mass. Ave.
57	Gen. John M. Corse	No. Attleboro	2d and 4th Tuesday	Chas. T. Guild	Elm St.
58	I. H. Bonney	Foxboro	1st and 3d Friday	Chas. C. Newell	G. A. R. Hall
59	Gen. J. G. Foster	So. Framingham	1st and 3d Friday	Herbert W. Fay, 35 Irving St	Pythian Hall
60	Gen. Geo. B. McClellen	Holyoke	2d and 4th Friday	Edward E. Bogart, 44 Taylor St	271 High St.
61	Benj. W. Harris	East Bridgewater	2d and 4th Thursday	Lysander Washburn, Westdale	G. A. R.
62	Gen. A. P. Martin	Everett	1st and 3d Tuesday	W. E. Brown, 190 Ferry St	Everett Sq.
63	Capt. B. A. Bridges	Holliston	1st and 3d Wed	Wm. Littlefield, Metcalf	Exchange St.
64	Luther Hill	Spencer	2d and 4th Thursday	Fred K. Bacon, 36 Cherry St	G. A. R., Main St.
65	Gen. W. T. Sherman	Athol	Friday	H. L. Doane, Box 32	G. A. R., Main St.
66	Chas. Bowers Winn	Woburn	2d and 4th Wed	Edw. H. Lounsbury, 424 Main St	G. A. R., Pleasant St., and Post 33 Hall, 424 Main St.
67	Gen. Geo. G. Meade	Abington	Thursday	Henry E. Claflin, Box 164	G. A. R.
68	Capt. H. A. Hubbard	Ludlow	2d Tuesday	C. A. White, Ludlow Centre	
69	Chas. C. Clark	Pembroke	1st and 3d Saturday	Chas. H. Howard, No. Pembroke	Pembroke Centre.
70	Gen. Chas. Devens	Upton	2d and 4th Wed	J. F. Despeaux	G. A. R.
71	Joseph H. Proctor	Northboro	2d and 4th Monday	Fred J. Proctor, Box 100	G. A. R.
72	Chas. S. Meade	Hingham	2d and 4th Thursday	Chas. B. Whiton, Hingham Centre	Hingham Centre.
73	Joe Hooker	No. Brookfield	Friday	Fred E. Page	G. A. R.
74	John C. Paine	Groveland	2d and 4th Friday	G. F. Langdon, Box 49	Memorial Hall.
75	Gen. S. M. Weld	Dedham	1st and 3d Thursday	Stephen B. Jacobs, Box 157	G. A. R., High St.
76	Lt. F. L. Stone	Westboro	2d and 4th Tuesday	Burtis F. Fairbanks, Box 108	G. A. R. South St.
77	F. R. Bosworth	Easthampton	1st and 3d Tuesday	A. J. Messerschmidt, 11 Main St	G. A. R., Town Hall.
78	Admiral Farragut	Lowell	Wednesday	F. M. Goodhue, 176 Westford St	Cor. Palmer and Merrimack St.
79	Wm. Francis Barry	Melrose	1st and 3d Monday	Arthur Storey, 907 Main St	514 Main St.
80	Geo. H. Patch	Malden	1st and 3d Tuesday	C. S. Mixter, Jr., 24 Irving St	66 Pleasant St.
81	Theodore Winthrop	Chelsea	2d and 4th Monday	E. E. Fish, 9 Bellingham St	G. A. R., Park St.
82	Sergt. W. H. Carney	Boston	Tuesday	Albert de Leon, 81 Phillips St	G. A. R., Joy St.
83	H. C. Holbrook	Barre	1st and 3d Tuesday	H. S. Bruce, Box 106	Smith Block.
84	Edward S. Hager	Enfield	2d and 4th Tuesday	O. S. Johnson	G. A. R.
85	John D. White	W. Boylston	2d and 4th Wed	W. J. Merriam	G. A. R.
86	John H. Dike	Stoneham	1st and 3d Wed	Geo. S. Clough	Central Sq.
87	Lt. C. B. Warner	Peabody	1st and 2d Wed	E. J. Green, 14 Washington St	56 Main St.
88	C. Eugene Bates	Scituate	Saturday	Chas. H. Clapp, No. Scituate	Scituate Centre.
89	Joel D. Dudley	Brighton	Wed. following 1st and 3d Monday	P. H. Prior, 2 George St	Old Court House, Washington St.
90	Richard Borden	Fall River	2d and 4th Monday	Geo. H. Surgens, 140 County St	Bristol opp. Post Office.
91	S. B. Bond	Ware	2d and 4thMonday	E. Porter Lovett	G. A. R.
92	John P. Lovell	Saugus	Wednesday	A. J. Jaquith, 840 Summer St. Lynn	Central St.
93	John Palmer	Avon	2d and 4th Wed	Geo. E. Whitten, Box 106	G. A. R., Main St.
94	F. C. Curtis	Marlboro	2d and 4th Monday	H. D. Johnson, 95 Mechanic St	G. A. R
95	Warren H. Cudworth	E. Boston	2d and 4th Tuesday	J. A. Trevor, 85 Marion St	Wescott Hall, 159 Meridian St.
96	John F. Andrew	Boston	1st and 3d Wed	E. A. Carpenter, 43 Franklin St	1151 Washington St.
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98	Dahlgren	So. Boston	2d and 4th Wed	F. E. Howard, 68 Clifton St., Roxbury	Memorial Hall, Cor. E. and Silver St.
99	H. S. Greenleaf	Shelburne Falls	2d and 4th Wed	J. W. Clark	G. A. R. Union Block.
100	J. Wiley Edmands	West Newton	2d and 4th Friday	J. F. Ramsdell, 44 Jefferson St., Newton	West Newton.
101	Cyrus K. Miller	Westminster	1st and 3d Saturday	F. W. Fenno	
102	Collingwood	Plymouth	Monday	L. M. Caswell, 2 Winslow St	G. A. R., Middle St.
103	Nelson Gardner	Marshfield	1st and 3d Saturday	F. M. Rand	Marshfield Hills.
104	Capt. G. L. Thurston	Lancaster	2d and 4th Saturday	M. H. Bemis	Lancaster Centre.
105	Roanoke	Southbridge	1st and 3d Tuesday	A. E. Chapman, Putnam, Conn	Town Hall.
106	Abraham Lincoln	Charlestown	2d and 4th Tuesday	Tilton S. Bell, 7 Irwin Ave., Roxbury	102½ Warren St.

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107	Col. Geo. D. Wells	Greenfield	1st and 3d Thursday	Frank Munson, 37 Shelburn St	Bank Row.
108	Gen. W. F. Bartlett	Pittsfield	1st and 3d Monday	E. M. Wilson, Box 1198	S. of V. Hall, North St.
109	Gen. Benj F Butler	Needham	2d and 4th Saturdays	A. L. Child, Needham	Masonic.
110	Gen. O. O. Howard	Lee	2d and 4th Monday	A. E. Sparks	
111	Walter L. Raymond	Andover	1st and 3d Wed	J. H. Kilbee, Ballard Vale	G. A. R., Essex St.
112	Col. B. S. Lovell	W. Acton	1st and 3d Saturday	F. E. Fiske, Acton	
113					
114	Peter Pineo	Hyannis	2d and 4th Saturday	Geo. F. Hart, Hyannis	Centreville.
115	Myles Standish	Duxbury	Wednesday	Thos. Alden, Jr., No. Duxbury	G. A. R.
116	Julius W. Monroe	Hanson	1st and 3d Saturday	Geo. Howland, So. Hanson	Town Hall.
117	J. B. Smith	Hanover	2d and 4th Monday	H. C. Waterman	Centre Hanover.
118	Elijah A. Morse	Eastondale	1st and 3d Wed	Chas. W. Hill, So. Easton	
119	Steven J. Parker	Billerica		Victor J. Hosmer	Odd Fellow's Hall.
120	Becket	Becket		D. K. Smith	
121	Berkshire	Gt. Barrington	1st and 3d Wed	A. H. Decker, Box 25	Cor. Main and Castle St.
122	Albert C. Titcomb	Newburyport	1st and 3d Thursday	Clarence Danforth, 36 Washington St	Cor. State and Middle St.
123	Lambert B. Simmons	E. Douglas	Friday	W. L. Pennell	G. A. R.
124	Stephen T. Brooks	Baldwinville	1st and 3d Wed	L. D. Cleveland	A. O. U. W.
125	Capt. Chas. Goss	Sterling		L. Warren Rugg	
126	Geo. F. Seaver	Whitinsville			
127	Geo. Draper	Milford	1st and 3d Thursday	Alton M. Fletcher, Box 756	Memorial Hall.
128	Dexter Newton	Fayville	1st and 3d Tuesday	H. W. Pope, Cordaville	
129	Col. J. M. Nichols	Haverhill	2d and 4th Wed.	H. J. Rivers, 37 Grove St	Court St.
130	John H. Clifford	New Bedford	Tuesday	Robt. E. Washburn, 75 Kempton St	Fourth St.
131	Col. E. V. Mitchell	Medfield	1st and 3d Monday	W. T. Tisdale, Boston, Box 2268	G. A. R.
132	Huntington	Huntington	1st Tuesday	F. A. Griswold	G. A. R.
133	Maj. Allen Shephard	Ashland	2d and 4th Monday	J. P. Murphy	G. A. R.
134					
135	F. T. Greenhalge	Lowell	2d and 4th Friday	O. G. Caverly, 36 Worthen St	G. A. R.
136					
137	John M. Badger	Brookfield	1st and 3d Thursday	Fred Albee	G. A. R.
138	Daniel C. Fletcher	Littleton	1st and 3d Saturday	W. E. MacBride, Littleton Common	Littleton Centre.
139	W. A. Spencer	W. Medway	2d and 4th Tuesday	Geo. A. Partridge	
140	Hial Barney	Wareham	Wednesday	Alonzo T. Stinger	G. A. R.
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142	Lt. Geo. W. Tufts	Rockport	Wednesday	J. E. Carter, Box 57	Main St
143					
144	Capt. Nahum Leonard	Bridgewater	2d and 4th Thursday	C. R. Smith	Main St.
145	Frederick Hecker	Boston	1st and 3d Thursday	Jos. A. Kanz, 1283 Tremont St	Roxbury.
146	Sylvanus Cobb, Jr.	Hyde Park	2d and 4th Friday	Fred C. Noyes, 40 Pond St	Everett Sq.
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148	Wm. Wallace Phinney	Bourne	2d and 4th Saturday	Frank Manamon	G. A. R.
149	Col. H. P. Woodbury	Manchester	Tuesday	Ernest C. Lucas	Memorial Hall.